

**REMARKS**

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated August 31, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-8, 17 and 18 are withdrawn in this application. Claim 19 is rejected by the Examiner. Claim 19 has been amended. Claims 9-16 are allowed. Claims 1-19 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,705,584 B2 to Hiroshima et al. (hereinafter "Hiroshima").

The rejection of claim 19 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 19 is allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "forming at least two groups of column spacers, in different areas from each other, on one of the thin film transistor substrate and the color film substrate, wherein a height and a diameter of the at least one group of the column spacers is different from those of the other group of the column spacers, wherein the group of column spacers with the greatest height is located nearer to a bottom of the liquid crystal display device and the other group of column spacers is located nearer to a top of the liquid crystal display device". Hiroshima does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. In Hiroshima the spacers SP3 are distributed around the outside of the display panel, so they are nearer to both the top and the bottom of the display versus spacers SP1. This is contrary to the present invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 is allowable over Hiroshima.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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